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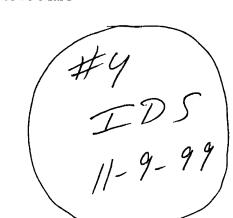
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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references listed in the enclosed form PTO-1449. Accompanying the two cited Japanese references are respective English language abstracts, thereby providing statements of relevance.

Copies of the two pending U.S. application are not required, per 37 C.F.R. 1.98.

Respectfully submitted,

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